Chapter 8: The IO Library

8.3 string Stream

The sstream header defines three types to support in-memory IO; these types read from or write to a string as if the string were an IO stream.

The istringstream type reads a string, ostringstream writes a string. Table below lists specific operations (in addition to standard IO stream operations) for them.

```
sstream strm; strm is an unbound stringstream. sstream is one of the types defined in the sstream header.

sstream strm(s); strm is an sstream that holds a copy of the string s. This constructor is explicit (§ 7.5.4, p. 296).

strm.str() Returns a copy of the string that strm holds.

strm.str(s) Copies the string s into strm. Returns void.
```

8.3.1. Using an istringstream

The istringstream type reads a string. The characters in the string sequence can be extracted from the istringstream object using any operation allowed on input streams (e.g., >>). An istringstream is often used when we NEED to do some work with individual words within a string.

<u>Example:</u> A phone dataset typically consists of the name of the person and his/her phone numbers. A person can have many phone numbers associated with him. For example, phone number from work, from home and mobile. Typical records in an input file (input.txt) might look like:

```
John 33664275 0937495295
Lutz 33664175 0912120212 0987346123
```

Each record in this file starts with a name, which is followed by one or more phone numbers. We'll start by defining a simple class to represent our input data:

```
struct PersonInfo {
    string name;
    vector<string> phones;
};
```

Our program will read the data file and build up a vector of PersonInfo. We'll extract the name and phone numbers for each line (work to do with individual words within a line):

string line, word;

```
把 .h include進來
#include <fstream>
                                    只會做 宣告
#include <vector>
                                    ( 簡單一兩行的implementation )
#include <string>
                                    不會做 定義
#include <cstdlib>
using namespace std;
                                    宣告放在 class.h
                                    - class的定義
// members are public by default
                                   - non member function的宣告
struct PersonInfo {
                                     - 不可使用 using namespace
                                    定義放在 class cpp
   string name;
                                     - 可以 using namespace
   vector<string> phones;
                                     - 要 include "class.h"
};
                                     - 定義 member function ... 記得 class scope
ifstream& open file(ifstream& in, const string& file)
   in.close();  // close in case it was already open
   in.clear();
                  // clear any existing errors
   // if the open fails, the stream will be in an invalid state
   in.open(file.c str()); // open the file we were given
   return in; // condition state is good if open succeeded
}
void printRecords(ostream &os, const vector<PersonInfo>& people)
   for (const auto &entry: people) { // for each entry in people
      os << entry.name << " has " << entry.phones.size()</pre>
          << " phones and the numbers are: ";
       for (const auto &nums : entry.phones) { // for each number
          os << nums << " ";
       }
      os << endl;
   }
}
int main()
   ifstream fin;
   string file name;
   cout << "Enter the file name: ";
   cin >> file name;
   if (!open file(fin, file name)) {
       cerr << "Complain: I cannot find the file" << endl << endl;</pre>
      cerr << system("dir") << endl; //only for windows OS</pre>
      return -1;
```

```
vector<PersonInfo> people;
   // read the input a line at a time until end-of-file (or other error)
   while (getline(fin, line)) {
      PersonInfo info;
                                 // object to hold this record's data
      istringstream record(line); // bind record to line we just read
      record >> info.name;
                                  // read the name
      while (record >> word)
                                  // read the phone numbers
          info.phones.push back(word); // and store them
      people.push back(info); // append this record to people
   }
   printRecords(cout, people);
   return 0;
}
```

```
Enter the file name: input.txt
John has 2 phones and the numbers are: 33664275 0937495295
Lutz has 3 phones and the numbers are: 33664175 0912120212 0987346123
```

<u>Example:</u> Another common usage of istringstream is to **retrieve the numeric value** from the string. Reading an istringstream <u>automatically converts</u> from the character representation of a numeric value to its corresponding arithmetic value:

<u>CovertNum.cpp</u>

```
Some numerical values are 23 5 7
The sum is: 35
```

Ex81.cpp

In-class Exercise 8.1: Input two stocks with each stock containing stock name, number of

share owned and the share price and report the most valuable one. For example:

```
Enter the first share (name, num_holding, share_price): AAPL 1 100.73
Enter the second share (name, num_holding, share_price): MSFT 2 44.03
AAPL with total value of 100.73 is more valuable.
```

The client code looks like:

StockClient.cpp

And Stock.h looks like:

Stock.h

```
#ifndef STOCK H
#define STOCK H
#include <string>
class Stock
{
public:
   Stock(std::string record);
   const Stock& topval(const Stock& s) const;
   std::string getName() const {return name;}
   double getTotalVal() const {return total val;}
private:
   std::string name;
   unsigned share num;
   double share val;
   double total val;
};
#endif // STOCK H
```

Implement the Stock.cpp.

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8.3.2. Using an ostringstream

The ostringstream type writes a string and characters can be inserted into the ostringstream object with any operation allowed on output streams (e.g., <<). With ostringstream, we can easily build up our output a little at a time and finally output the combining string.

CombineNumeric.cpp

Example

```
#include <string>
#include <iostream>
#include <sstream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
  cout << "Enter an English expression for an integer: ";</pre>
   string s;
   getline(cin, s);
   cout << "Enter an integer: ";</pre>
   int num;
   cin >> num;
   ostringstream oss;
   oss << s << ": " << num;
   cout << oss.str() << endl;</pre>
   return 0;
}
```

```
Enter an English expression for an integer: One hundred and one
Enter an integer: 101
One hundred and one: 101
```